

## Meeting Start time:

7:37 pm

## Attendees:

Denise Soppas (chair)  
Charlie Neiss  
Alice Logie  
Sylvia Walker  
Chris Baglieri

## Agenda

- Checkin
- Important dates
- Review First U mission statement change proposal to Board: The following two were proposed last meeting.
- Review accomplishment list – any changes?
- What should 8th P task force work on next?
- Next steps

## Important dates

- May 12 “NJ the Slave State of the North” zoom (Cherry Hill UU)
- May 17 “Using Ethics to Build Social Justice Power: A Workshop” (UUSJ)
- June 3-5 Jubilee 3 Anti Racism Training

## Review First U mission statement change proposal to Board

Existing mission statement:

“A welcoming, inclusive community, to feed the human spirit, to inspire compassionate action, and to serve as a beacon for justice and love.”

Options presented to the board at their last meeting and the working group was asked to refine them.

Option 1

“A welcoming, inclusive community, committed to dismantling racism and other oppressions, to feed the human spirit, to inspire compassionate action, and to serve as a beacon for justice and love.”

Option 2

“A welcoming, inclusive community, to feed the human spirit, to inspire compassionate action, to commit to dismantling racism and other oppressions, and to serve as a beacon for justice and love.”

Refinements offered in meeting:

Option 3

“A welcoming, inclusive community, committed to dismantling racism and other oppressions, feeding the human spirit, inspiring compassionate action, and serving as a beacon for justice and love.”

The consensus of the group is to return option 3 to the board

## Review accomplishment list – any changes?

List from last meeting:

- PCJ Workshop
- Three services
- Board members took Jubilee training
- 8th Principle Minute Continuing
- Continued engagement with SJM
- Continued engagement with 8th Principle Learning Community
- Helping inform choices for monthly share-the-plate
- Worship committee focus on 8th Principle
- Met with Women’s Alliance and Board on 8th Principle topics
- Book Discussion Group “Nice Racism”

## What should the 8th Principle task force work on next?

- 1) A service with a possible topic of the characteristics of white supremacy culture. The calendar is full through the end of June. We’re penciling in July 24th.
- 2) Add land acknowledgement to board minute - we need to see if we can get input from a local indigenous group. Getting a contact point has proven difficult. We will check with local UU congregations to see if they have a land acknowledgement that was developed in this way. Chris will reach out to East Brunswick.

## Next Steps

## Next Meeting

June 6th, 7:30 pm

## Meeting End time:

8:55 pm